

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the outstanding Official Action mailed July 12, 2005, the shortened statutory period for filing a response being set to expire on August 12, 2005. In view of the below remarks, a further action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

The Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically, the Examiner makes references to Species I directed to a method of assembling a bracket from a plurality of components for mounting a device (computer display screen) to one of a plurality of supporting surfaces, drawn to claims 1-6, 24, 25, 17, 20-23 and 30 (Figs. 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8); and Species II directed to a method of assembling a bracket from a plurality of components for mounting a device (computer display screen) to a plurality of components for mounting a device (computer display screen) to a plurality of supports, drawn to claims 7, 9-18, 16, 28, 29, 31 and 32 (Fig. 14).

The Examiner requires that Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, stating that no claim is considered generic. The difference between the two species is that Species I is directed to a method of assembling a bracket for mounting a device to a plurality of supporting surfaces, while Species II is directed to a plurality of supports. Applicant has amended the Species II claims so as to now be directed to a plurality of supporting surfaces. Accordingly, all claims pending in this application are directed to Species I and are hereby elected.

Applicant also reminds the Examiner that full consideration is required of Applicant's Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 of April 5, 2005. The present Official Action does not acknowledge receipt and entry of this Amendment.

All claims pending in this application are considered generic and cover each of the embodiments disclosed in all of the drawings, including Fig. 14, which was previously designated as being directed to Species II. In this regard, Applicant's claimed plurality of supporting surfaces cover, for example, vertical surfaces, horizontal surfaces, edge portions, slat wall, or any other configuration of a surface to which the mounting bracket of the present invention may be coupled.

APPLICANT ONCE AGAIN REQUESTS THAT THE EXAMINER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT AND CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED APRIL 22, 2004.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw any prior rejection of the claims and pass this application along to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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